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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL




ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER  
OF HEALTH  
AND  
SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR

1954

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SELBY:  
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SELBY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Chairman: Councillor H. Dixon, J.P.

Vice-Chairman: Councillor A. Barker, J.P.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

Chairman: Councillor N. E. Reasbeck.

Vice-Chairman: Councillor A. Barker, J.P.

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Medical Officer of Health:

S. KENNAUGH APPLETON, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.T.M.

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Senior Sanitary Inspector:

WILKINSON LITTLE, M.S.I.A.

Cert. S.I. Board

Cert. Meat and Food Inspection R.S.I.

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Additional Sanitary Inspector:

ERIC K. PHILPOT (Resigned 30/4/54)

Cert. S.I. Board

P. D. BEADLE (Appointed 1/7/54)

Cert. S.I. Board

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Clerk:

JOAN SMITH

To the **Chairman and Members of the Selby Urban District Council.**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my eighth Annual Report on the health of the Urban District and the work of the Public Health Department for the year 1954.

There were 142 live births registered, giving a Birth Rate of 13.9 per thousand population (Adjusted Birth Rate 14.0). A decrease of 25 in the number of births gives a rate below the aggregate County Rate for Urban Districts of 14.7 and the National Rate of 15.2.

113 deaths, giving a Crude Death Rate of 11.1 (Adjusted Death Rate 10.4), improved again on the previous year. The aggregate County Rate was 12.7 and the Rate for England and Wales 11.3. Births exceeded deaths by 29.

Three infants died under the age of one year, giving an Infant Mortality Rate of 21.1. The National Rate was 25.5, a new low record.

Infectious diseases notified were only 13, the lowest number ever recorded. With not more than two notifications for any one disease it would appear that Selby was virtually free from the more serious infections during the year. A mild form of influenza was very prevalent during November and December, a high proportion of school children being affected.

No case of diphtheria has occurred in the town for eight years, but it is still necessary to warn parents that this satisfactory state of affairs will continue only so long as the majority of children are immunised against the disease.

The sale of National Welfare Foods was transferred on the 28th June, 1954, from the Ministry of Food Office to the Local Health Authority through the Divisional Health Offices. The local branch of the W.V.S. very kindly undertook the issue from its Headquarters on three afternoons a week, and the Foods are also available at certain times from the gatehouse of the Brook Lodge Institution.

Approval has been secured for the building of a Multiple Clinic in Selby for use by the M. & C.W. Services and the School Health and Dental Services. Unfortunately difficulty is being encountered in finding a site large enough and central enough for the purpose.

The Mass Radiography Unit visited Selby during the year and 1,596 persons availed themselves of this free health examination. 7 cases of inactive tuberculosis and 5 other conditions were found.

Finally, I wish to record my thanks to the Members and Officers of the Council for their co-operation during 1954, to the voluntary workers at the Clinic and the W.V.S. for their services.

I remain, Your obedient servant,

S. KENNAUGH APPLETON,

June, 1955.

Medical Officer of Health.

## GENERAL STATISTICS, 1954

Area of Urban District ....	....	3,883 acres
Population (mid 1954) ....	....	10,180
Number of Inhabited Houses ....	....	3,240
Rateable Value ....	....	£62,599 (Mar. 1955)
Product of Penny Rate ....	....	£228 (Mar. 1955)

## VITAL STATISTICS.

	SELBY U.D.	Aggre- gate West Riding U.D.s	West Riding Admin. County	England and Wales (Provi- sional)
BIRTH RATE (per 1,000 population)	13.9	14.7	15.1	15.2
CRUDE DEATH RATES (per 1,000 population)				
All causes ....	11.1	12.7	11.9	11.3
Infective & Parasitic Diseases	0	0.07	0.08	—
Respiratory Tuberculosis ....	0.10	0.18	0.16	0.16
Other Forms of Tuberculosis	0	0.01	0.02	0.02
Respiratory Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis) ....	1.18	1.27	1.22	—
Cancer ....	2.46	2.12	2.01	2.04
Heart and Circulatory Diseases	3.93	4.48	4.54	—
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System ....	1.08	2.03	1.84	—
INFANT MORTALITY (Deaths under one year per 1,000 live births)	21.1	28.3	28.0	25.5
STILLBIRTHS	20.7	26.6	25.9	23.4
INFANT DIARRHOEA (Deaths under 2 years of age per 1,000 live births)	7.04	—	—	0.8
MATERNAL MORTALITY (Deaths of mothers in child- birth per 1,000 total births)	6.90	0.80	0.89	0.69

### Comparability Factors:

For Births, 1.01.	Adjusted Birth Rate, 14.0.
For Deaths, 0.94.	Adjusted Death Rate, 10.4.



## BIRTH AND DEATH RATES FOR TEN YEARS.

### BIRTH RATE (per 1,000 population)

1954	....	13.9							
1953	....	16.5	1950	....	15.8	1947	....	22.4	
1952	....	17.7	1949	....	16.0	1946	....	21.3	
1951	....	16.1	1948	....	16.6	1945	....	15.2	

### STILLBIRTHS (per 1,000 total births)

1954	....	20.7							
1953	....	45.7	1950	....	18.1	1947	....	12.9	
1952	....	53.2	1949	....	29.2	1946	....	31.3	
1951	....	18.1	1948	....	22.5	1945	....	19.6	

### ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS (per 1,000 total births)

1954	....	34.5							
1953	....	28.6	1950	....	24.2	1947	....	60.1	
1952	....	37.4	1949	....	39.3	1946	....	54.1	
1951	....	18.1	1948	....	39.0	1945	....	45.7	

### TOTAL DEATH RATE (per 1,000 population)

1954	....	11.1							
1953	....	12.2	1950	....	14.3	1947	....	12.6	
1952	....	13.1	1949	....	13.8	1946	....	10.6	
1951	....	15.0	1948	....	11.9	1945	....	14.0	

### INFECTIVE AND PARASITIC DISEASES

1954	....	0							
1953	....	0	1950	....	0	1947	....	0.10	
1952	....	0	1949	....	0	1946	....	0	
1951	....	0.10	1948	....	0.10	1945	....	0.20	

### PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

1954	....	0.10							
1953	....	0.10	1950	....	0.29	1947	....	0.49	
1952	....	0.20	1949	....	0.19	1946	....	0.29	
1951	....	0.10	1948	....	0.19	1945	....	0.20	

## NON-PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

1954	....	0					
1953	....	0.10	1950	....	0	1947	.... 0.10
1952	....	0.20	1949	....	0.19	1946	.... 0.20
1951	....	0	1948	....	0.10	1945	.... 0

## RESPIRATORY DISEASES

1954	....	1.18					
1953	....	1.38	1950	....	1.27	1947	.... 1.46
1952	....	1.59	1949	....	1.73	1946	.... 1.96
1951	....	2.77	1948	....	1.05	1945	.... 2.42

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1954	....	2.46					
1953	....	1.69	1950	....	2.34	1947	.... 1.66
1952	....	1.59	1949	....	1.54	1946	.... 1.96
1951	....	2.18	1948	....	2.10	1945	.... 2.53

## HEART AND CIRCULATORY DISEASES

1954	....	3.93					
1953	....	5.03	1950	....	5.37	1947	.... 2.34
1952	....	5.16	1949	....	3.18	1946	.... 1.17
1951	....	5.93	1948	....	3.44	1945	.... 2.53

## INFANTILE MORTALITY

(per 1,000 live births)

1954	....	21.1					
1953	....	47.9	1950	....	18.5	1947	.... 52.2
1952	....	33.7	1949	....	72.3	1946	.... 41.5
1951	....	30.7	1948	....	34.5	1945	.... 46.7

## MATERNAL MORTALITY

(per 1,000 total births)

1954	....	6.90					
1953	....	0	1950	....	0	1947	.... 0
1952	....	0	1949	....	0	1946	.... 4.5
1951	....	0	1948	....	0	1945	.... 0

**BIRTHS, 1954.**

			Male	Female	Total
Live Births.—Legitimate	....	....	60	77	137
Illegitimate	....	....	2	3	5
			—	—	—
		Total	62	80	142
Stillbirths	....	....	3	0	3

**CAUSES OF DEATH, 1954.**

				Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	....	....		1	0	1
Influenza	....	....	....	1	0	1
Cancer	....	....	....	11	14	25
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System				8	3	11
Heart Diseases	....	....	....	18	20	38
Other Diseases of circulatory system				1	1	2
Bronchitis	....	....	....	4	2	6
Pneumonia	....	....	....	3	0	3
Other respiratory diseases	....	....		1	1	2
Diabetes	....	....	....	1	1	2
Peptic Ulcer	....	....	....	2	0	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	....	....		2	0	2
All other accidents	....	....	....	1	2	3
Suicide	....	....	....	1	0	1
Congenital	....	....	....	1	0	1
Gastro-Enteritis	....	....	....	1	0	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	....	....		1	—	1
Childbirth	....	....	....	—	1	1
All other causes	....	....	....	6	4	10
				—	—	—
		Total	....	64	49	113

**INFANTILE MORTALITY.****Causes of Death in Age Groups**

	Under 1 week	1 to 2 Weeks	2 to 3 Weeks	3 to 4 Weeks	1 to 3 Months	3 to 6 Months	6 to 9 Months	9 to 12 Months	TOTAL
Prematurity	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Congenital	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1
Injury	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1
Gastro- enteritis	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1
	1	...	...	....	....	1	1	....	3



# **CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE** **notified during the year 1954.**

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED								DEATHS
	At all Ages.	According to Age							
		Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	Over 65	
Small-pox ... ..	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Food Poisoning ... ..	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup) ... ..	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas ... ..	2	...	...	2	...	...	1	1	...
Scarlet Fever ... ..	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Typhus Fever ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Enteric Fever ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Poliomyelitis, paralytic ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Poliomyelitis, non-paralytic ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Encephalitis ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ... ..	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...
Other forms of Tuberculosis ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles ... ..	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Primary Pneumonia ... ..	2	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...
Influenzal Pneumonia ... ..	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Whooping Cough ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dysentery ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Encephalitis Lethargica ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malaria ... ..	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Totals ... ..	13	1	1	2	1	2	2	4	1

## **TUBERCULOSIS.**

### **New cases in 1954.**

	Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary ... ..	1	0	1
Non-Pulmonary ... ..	0	0	0
Total ... ..	1	0	1

### **Total cases on Register.**

Pulmonary ... ..	31	19	50
Non-Pulmonary ... ..	5	12	17
Total ... ..	36	31	67

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951.

A woman, aged about 68 years, was found to be suffering from grave chronic disease, living in insanitary conditions and unable to devote to herself, and not receiving from other persons, proper care and attention. She was removed to hospital under the National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951, and an Order obtained later under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948. Such was her condition that it was found possible to keep her in hospital without renewing the Order.

## FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

(Extract from separate report to the Director of Statistics of the Ministry of Labour on Form 572, 1954).

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Owners Prosecuted
Factories with Mechanical Power	73	19	0	0
„ without Mechanical Power	0	0	0	0
Workplaces ....	0	0	0	0

## Defects.

Particulars	Defects Found	Defects Remedied	Referred by H.M. Inspector	Prosecutions instituted
Want of Cleanliness ....	0	0	0	0
Inadequate Ventilation ....	0	0	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences unsuitable or defective ....	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0

## WEST RIDING COUNTY DIVISIONAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SELBY URBAN DISTRICT, 1954.

The Public Health Nursing Staff in this Division no longer works according to County District boundaries. Most of the figures in the following summaries refer to Selby U.D., but in a few cases the figures are those for the Urban and Rural Districts combined, or for Division No. 10 as a whole.

### 1. BIRTHS.

Live Births	....	....	....	....	....	....	142
Stillbirths	....	....	....	....	....	....	3
Illegitimate	....	....	....	....	....	....	5
Males	....	....	....	....	....	....	62
Females	....	....	....	....	....	....	80

### 2. PREMATURE BABIES. Babies weighing 5½ lbs. or less at birth.

				Living	Stillborn
(i) Born at home	....	....	....	6	1
(ii) Born in an institution	....	....	....	5	2
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Total	....			11	3

### 3. HEALTH VISITING (Selby U.D. and R.D.)

		First Visits	Other Visits	Total
Expectant Mothers	....	75	136	211
Children under 1	....	260	2958	3218
Children between 1 and 5		844	1745	2589
Other cases	....	—	905	905
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Total		1179	5744	6923

### 4. CHILD WELFARE CLINICS.

- (a) Total number of children under 5 yrs. of age who first attended the Clinics during the year, and who at the date of **their** first attendance were under 1 years .... 109

(b) Total number of children under 5 years of age who attended the Clinics during the year and who at the end of the years were:

(i) under 1 year	....	....	....	....	....	88
(ii) over 1 year	....	....	....	....	....	125

Number of Sessions held:

Selby Methodist School Room	....	....	....	....	50
Total Attendance	....	....	....	....	1382
Average per session	....	....	....	....	27.6

## 5. SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE.

Attendances at Clinic (S.U.D. and S.R.D.)	....	1277
Number attending Paediatric Consultant (at Goole)	1	
Number attending Orthopaedic Surgeon (at Goole)	5	
Number attending County Oculist	....	196
Number prescribed spectacles	....	71
Number attending Speech Therapy	....	13
Number inspected in School by School M.O.	....	803
Number inspected in School by School Nurse	....	5119
Number of verminous heads	....	76
Tests for mental defect, primary	....	6
Re-examinations	....	4
Reported to M.D. Authority as ineducable	....	2
Recommended for Residential Schools	....	4
Attending Residential Schools	....	2
Reported for Statutory Supervision	....	2

The following defects were found at medical inspections:

	Requiring treatment	For ob- servation
Verminous heads	76	0
Skin	4	4
Vision	75	72
Other eye conditions	4	16
Hearing	1	5
Other ear defects	4	3
Nose and throat	23	10
Speech	3	6
Cervical glands	8	9
Heart and circulation	1	2
Lungs	2	15
Developmental	0	4
Orthopaedic	8	20
Nervous system	2	5
Psychological	10	15
Other conditions	4	0

## 6. MATERNITY SERVICES.

**Ante-natal Clinics:**

Number of patients attending	....	....	....	120
Total number of attendances	....	....	....	986
Number of sessions held	....	....	....	48
Average attendance per session	....	....	....	20.5

64 blood tests were made on 58 expectant mothers and 2 expectant fathers. 15 mothers were found to have Rhesus Negative blood.

**Mothers Confined in Hospital:**

Leeds Hospitals	....	....	....	....	....	11
York Maternity Home	....	....	....	....	....	52
Other	....	....	....	....	....	5
Total						68

**County Midwives.**

There were 151 domiciliary confinements in Selby Urban District in 1954.

The following summary of the work of the County Midwives is for Division 10 as a whole:—

Number of Cases	....	....	419
Number of Visits	....	....	13024
Gas and air analgesia	....	....	281
Number of midwives	....	....	11

## 7. HOME NURSING.

Number of Cases	....	....	596
Number of Visits	....	....	15773

## 8. HOME HELPS.

Home Helps were employed for 3,438 hours attending the following cases:—

Expectant Mothers and Lying-in	33
Illness	13
Aged and Ill	9



## 9. IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

Immunised during 1954.	Children under 5 years	128
	Children over 5 years	22
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		150
	Refresher Dose ....	107
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	Total	257

Total number of children under 15 years of age who have been immunised up to the 31st December, 1954:

Age—Years	0—1	1—4	5—9	10—14	Under 15 Total
Number ....	115	390	957	748	2210
Percentage ....	68.3		100		91.5

## 10. IMMUNISATION AGAINST WHOOPING COUGH.

					During 1954	Up to Dec., 1954
Under 6 months	....	....	....		1	} 7
6 months to 1 year	....	....	....		14	
1 to 2 years	....	....	....	....	6	42
2 to 3 years	....	....	....	....	4	41
3 to 4 years	....	....	....	....	1	14
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					26	104

## 11. MENTAL HEALTH.

**(a) Mental Deficiency Acts, 1913-1938.**

The number of mentally defective persons under supervision at the end of 1954 were as follows:

	Male	Female	Total
Under Guardianship ....	0	0	0
Under Statutory Supervision ....	8	3	11
Under Voluntary Supervision ....	0	0	0
On Licence from Institutions ....	0	3	3

**(b) Lunacy and Mental Treatment Acts, 1890-1930.**

Admissions to Mental Hospitals by the Duly Authorised Officer during 1954 were as follows:

	Male	Female	Total
Voluntary Patients ....	1	6	7
By Temporary Order ....	0	0	0
By " Three Day " Order ....	0	0	0
By Summary Reception Order	1	1	2
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Referred for action but proceedings unnecessary ....	1	1	2

**12. COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE.**

The following are the details of patients from Division No. 10 carried by the W.R.C.C ambulances during 1954:

	Selby	Goole
Maternity cases ....	114	213
Accident cases ....	140	337
Other cases ....	5013	14930
Journeys made ....	2280	4890
Total patients carried ....	5267	15480
Mileage travelled ....	77297	100560

## PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION No. 10

The County Districts forming Division No. 10 are:—

Goole Borough	Selby Urban	
Goole Rural	Selby Rural	
Area of the Division (in acres)	....	.... 76,692
Population (estimated mid-1954)	....	.... 45,280

### Divisional Staff:

Divisional Medical Officer and Divisional School Medical Officer:  
S. KENNAUGH APPLETON, M.D., D.P.H., D.T.M.

Assistant County Medical Officers and School Medical Officers:  
EILEEN M. R. BELL-SYER, M.B., B.S.  
MURIEL J. LOWE, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.C.H.

School Dental Officers:  
P. F. A. ELTOME, L.D.S.  
G. O. WOOD, L.D.S. (Divisions 10 and 9).

Health Visitors and School Nurses:  
Miss D. M. BUTLER, Miss J. DAVIS, Mrs. M. DODSON, Mrs.  
M. HARGREAVES, Mrs. M. KELLY, Mrs. L. PRATT, Miss A.  
RIDSDALE, Miss F. WELFORD.

Home Nurses:  
Miss P. K. AGER, Mrs. A. BLACKBURN, Mrs. S. CLAYBOURN  
Mrs. W. E. DUFFIN, Mrs. L. A. POLLARD, Miss J. POWELL,  
Miss M. WHITTAKER.

Domiciliary Midwives:  
Mrs. E. BALLANCE, Miss I. CAMPBELL, Mrs. M. COLLIER,  
Miss M. I. GILHOME, Mrs. M. E. HORNSHAW, Miss H. A.  
HOUGHTON, Mrs. L. KITCHEN, Miss M. KNIVETON, Miss  
M. ROBINSON, Miss A. TOLSON, Miss E. WHITLEY.

Mental Health:  
Miss E. T. SIMONS (Social Worker, Divisions 10 and 12)  
Mrs. C. HOPKINS (Home Teacher, Division 10)

Physiotherapy:  
Miss E. ALDERSON (Part-time).

Duly Authorised Officer:  
Mr. T. G. FOSTER.

Clerical:  
Senior Clerk: Mr. R. TOWELL.  
Miss S. L. BRAMHAM, Miss F. A. CAMPBELL, Mr. H. DOD-  
SON, Mr. G. N. NOWILL, Miss B. REED, Miss J. E. SMAJE,  
Miss M. E. WORMALD.

## CLINICS.

The following Child Welfare, Maternity, School Health Service and Specialists' Clinics are now held in the Methodist Sunday School, Selby:

Monday 10-12: School Clinic .... Dr. E. M. R. Bell-Syer.  
Miss J. Davis.

Monday 2-3: Ante-Natal Clinic .... Dr. E. M. R. Bell-Syer.  
Miss A. Ridsdale.  
Miss J. Davis.

Tuesday 2.30-4: Remedial Exercises Miss E. M. Alderson  
(Physiotherapist)

Wednesday 2-4: Relaxation and  
Mothercraft Midwives.

Friday 10-12: Minor Ailments .... Miss A. Ridsdale.  
Miss J. Davis.

Friday 2-4: Child Welfare .... Dr. E. M. R. Bell-Syer.  
Miss A. Ridsdale.  
Miss J. Davis.

The School Oculist holds eye-testing sessions 3 times a month either at Goole or Selby.

The Children's Specialist and Orthopaedic Surgeon have a monthly session in Goole which is available to the children of Selby. Sun-ray treatment is also available at Goole.

## SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT.

### Inspection Work, 1954.

	Visits
Inspections (including re-inspections of dwellinghouses)	830
Housing Acts ....	184
Visits in connection with letting of houses ....	75
Council Houses inspected ....	71
Visits in connection with infectious disease ....	15
Factories inspected ....	19
Smoke abatement ....	5
Licensed premises ....	9
Shops Act ....	29
Inspection of Milk Shops and Dairies ....	41
Street work in connection with Milk and Dairies Acts and Orders ....	25
Inspection of Food ....	121
Ice Cream premises ....	67
Premises used for the preparation and sale of food ....	451
Pigstyes and premises used for keeping of animals ....	34
Tents, vans and sheds ....	12
Water samples taken ....	4
Water supply, inspection ....	7
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949 ....	559
Drains inspected ....	42
Cinemas ....	23
Pet Animals Act ....	47
Slaughterhouses ....	49
Bakehouses ....	26
Market Food Stalls ....	39
Verminous Premises ....	10
Other visits, unclassified, interviews, no access, miscellaneous ....	403
Total number of visits	3097

Housing applicants interviewed in Health Department 908

During the year, 123 notices were served under the Public Health and Housing Acts, of which number 122 were complied with.

Details of Sanitary Improvements effected as a result of inspections made and notices issued under Public Health and Housing Acts:—

Roofs repaired and made weatherproof ....	87
Rainwater gutters repaired or renewed ....	50
Rainwater downspouts repaired or renewed ....	22



External walls repaired	....	....	....	....	27
Fireranges and firegrates repaired or renewed	....				15
Walls plaster repaired	....	....	....	....	19
Ceiling plaster repaired	....	....	....	....	7
Floors repaired	....	....	....	....	27
Window frames repaired	....	....	....	....	41
Doors repaired or renewed	....	....	....	....	2
Paving of yards repaired	....	....	....	....	4
Defective sinks	....	....	....	....	6
Dampness remedied	....	....	....	....	5
Miscellaneous (not included above)	....	....			11

#### Water Closets.

Roofs and walls repaired	....	....	....	....	33
Basins renewed	....	....	....	....	8
Flushing apparatus repaired	....	....	....		18
Seats repaired or renewed	....	....	....	....	9
Conversion to W.C.'s	....	....	....	....	2
Other defects remedied	....	....	....	....	4

#### Drainage.

Defective drains repaired	....	....	....	....	21
Choked drains cleansed	....	....	....	....	156

#### Storage of Refuse.

Defective dustbins renewed	....	....	....		116
Abolition of ashpits	....	....	....	....	2

#### Cinemas.

No complaints were received during the year and they were generally well kept.

Periodical inspections were carried out, all defects found were reported to the respective managers and remedied without service of formal notices.

#### Inspection of Food.

Total found unfit—30 cwts. 2 qrs. 1 lb.

Carcase Meat	....	....	....	....	....	860½ lbs.
Bottled Foods	....	....	....	....	....	12 lbs.
Tinned Foods	....	....	....	....	....	1319 lbs.
Packeted Foods	....	....	....	....	....	8 lbs.
Other Foods	....	....	....	....	....	209½ lbs.

An appreciable amount of this food is used for animal feeding; the remainder, too decomposed, is burned in the Baths furnace,

### Rats and Mice Destruction, 1954.

Number of visits and re-visits	....	....	....	559
Number of complaints received	....	....	....	13

### Rat Infestation of Sewers.

As in previous years, the sewers were treated twice. First a 10% baiting test in the inspection chambers to determine which sections, if any, were rat infested. Where infestation was found, poisoning with Zinc Phosphide was resorted to. The very good takes of poison would seem to indicate that a large number of rats were killed.

### Water Supply.

All houses are provided with piped water from the Council's deep wells at Brayton. During the year six bacteriological samples were taken, two from the swimming baths and four from the towns mains. These were analysed and all were satisfactory.

## HOUSING ACTS.

Herewith find particulars of condemned properties:—  
The following Tables show the amount of work which has been accomplished under the Housing Acts since 1912.

### Clearance Areas.

				Number of Houses		No. of Persons Displaced
				Demolished or to be Demolished	Provided	
1.	Clarkson's Yard	....		7	7	41
2.	Cape's Yard	....		3	3	9
3.	St. James' Place	....		9	8	36
4.	Ladysmith Yard	....		18	8	37
5.	Lee's Yard	....		5	5	19
6.	Abbey Yard	....		6	6	19
7.	Addinal's Yard	....		2	1	2
8.	Ouse Court	....		7	6	19
9.	Massey Street	....		5	5	13
10.	Lee's Terrace	....		7	5	21
11.	Pitt's Yard	....		8	5	21
12.	Underwood's Yard	....		8	7	22
13.	Middleton's Yard	....		5	5	16
14.	Adams' Court	....		5	5	18

				Number of Houses		No. of Persons Displaced
				Demolished or to be Demolished	Provided	
15.	Ocean Terrace	....		11	11	37
16.	Swift's Yard	....		4	4	11
17.	Banks' Yard	....		5	5	13
18.	Flaxley Road	....		2	2	7
19.	Dam Bank	....		4	4	14
20.	Burton's Yard	....		4	4	15
21.	Chapel Yard	....		4	4	15
22.	Bulmer's Yard	....		4	4	18
23.	Waddington Place	....		2	2	9
24.	Wren Lane	....		3	2	8
25.	Water Lane	....		5	3	8
26.	Ullathorne's Yard	....		5	3	27
27.	Kay's Terrace	....		4	3	12
28.	Midge Yard	....		2	2	5
29.	Malt Kiln Yard	....		4	4	12
30.	Simpson's Yard	....		3	3	5
31.	Varley's Yard	....		2	2	5
32.	Lock Hill	....		2	2	6
33.	Dobson's Row	....		7	7	26
34.	Park Row	....		10	10	30
35.	Varley's Yard	....		2	2	4
36.	Adam's Square	....		3	3	9
37.	Brickyard Cottages	....		6	6	17
38.	Church Lane	....		4	4	14
39.	Shipyard	....		2	2	7
40.	Shipyard	....		3	3	8
41.	Simpson's Yard	....		2	2	6
42.	Flaxley Road	....		4	4	10
43.	Millgate	....		4	4	15
44.	Otty's Yard	....		4	4	11
45.	Turner's Square	....		6	6	14
46.	East Common	....		2	2	5
47.	Addinal's Yard	....		4	4	16
48.	New Lane	....		3	3	9
49.	Millgate	....		2	2	5

### Individual Unfit Houses.

Situation		Demolished or to be Demolished	Undertaking Accepted	Houses Provided	Pop.
Smith's Yard	....	2	0	2	11
Gowthorpe	....	2	0	2	7
Brewery Yard	....	2	0	1	4
Riley's Yard	....	1	0	1	5

Situation	Demolished or to be Demolished	Undertaking Accepted	Houses Provided	Pop.
Lee's Yard ....	0	1	1	2
Leaper's Yard ....	0	1	1	4
Gowthorpe ....	0	1	0	0
Hope Yard ....	1	0	1	7
Prospect Place ....	0	2	1	1
Hodgson's Yard ....	0	1	1	4
Church Lane ....	2	0	2	9
26 Bondgate ....	1	0	1	9
76 & 78 Flaxley Road	2	0	2	6
14 Millgate ....	0	1	1	7
35 New Lane ....	0	1	0	0
126 Ousegate ....	0	1	0	0
11 and 12 Park Row	0	2	1	4
6 Prospect Place ....	0	1	1	3
13 Wren Lane ....	1	0	1	6
4 Pitt's Yard ....	0	1	1	2
16 Abbey Yard ....	1	0	0	0
14 Abbey Yard ....	1	0	0	7
15 Abbey Yard ....	1	0	0	0
34 Flaxley Road ....	0	1	0	2
90 Gowthorpe ....	1	0	0	0
2 Hope Yard ....	0	1	0	5
8 Preston's Yard ....	1	0	0	1
1 Preston's Yard ....	1	0	0	6
1 Midge Yard ....	1	0	0	3
7 Addinal's Yard ....	1	0	0	2
6 Addinal's Yard ....	1	0	0	3
17 Water Lane ....	1	0	0	4
15 Water Lane ....	1	0	0	6
3 Beaufort Place ....	1	0	0	2
Brickyard Cottage	0	1	0	1
*3 Hutchinson Yard	0	1	0	3
*4 Hutchinson Yard	0	1	0	2
*19 Westfield ....	0	0	0	7

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85 and 87 Gowthorpe	2	0	1	4
2 Church Lane ....	0	1	1	3
4 Church Lane ....	0	1	1	4
69a Wide Street ....	0	1	1	12
1 New Lane ....	0	1	1	7
3 New Lane ....	0	1	1	5
65 Wide Street ....	0	1	1	4
1 Haigh's Yard ....	0	1	0	0

Situation	Demolished or to be Demolished	Undertaking Accepted	Houses Provided	Pop.
2 Haigh's Yard ....	0	1	1	3
10 Shipyard ....	0	1	1	5
8 Market Lane ....	0	1	1	7
2 Market Lane ....	0	1	1	4
4 Market Lane ....	0	1	1	2
6 Market Lane ....	0	1	1	3
Cottage, Liversidge Sidings ....	0	1	1	3
8 Wren Lane ....	1	1	1	10
56a Micklegate ....	0	1	1	3
18 New Lane ....	0	1	1	3
12 Maltkiln Yard	0	1	1	3
1 Eastman's Flats	0	1	1	4
2 Eastman's Flats	0	1	1	3
Parvin's Yard ....	0	1	1	4
10, 12, 14 Market Lane	0	3	3	5
3 Haigh's Yard ....	0	1	1	4
Cottage, Ross Carr Farm	0	1	1	8
56 Ousegate ....	0	1	1	6
11 Dam Bank ....	0	1	1	3
8 Adams' Square ....	0	1	1	3

\* Undertakings given to make houses fit for human habitation.

### Staff.

I am pleased to say that Mr. Philpot, Mr. Beadle and Miss Smith carried out their duties in a courteous and efficient manner, very often in most trying circumstances. I take this opportunity to thank them for their willing service.

I remain, Your obedient servant,

WILKINSON LITTLE,

Senior Sanitary Inspector.



